

**HAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM  
NOVEMBER 27, 2006 – 7:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Virginia Bridle-Russell, Chairman  
Ben Moore, Vice-Chairman  
James Workman  
Bill Lally  
Mark Gearreald, Interim Town Manager  
Maureen Duffy, Administrative Assistant

**REGRETS:** Rick Griffin

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**1. Adjust speed limit to a uniform 20 miles per hour in Surfside Park.**

**Mr. Moore MOTIONED** to adjust the speed limit to a uniform 20 miles per hour for all streets in the community of Surfside Park. **Mr. Workman SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

**2. Designation of a no parking zone of 60 feet or three car lengths along the south side of Winnacunnet Road, extending west from the Holiday Shores Condominiums driveway.**

**Mr. Lally MOTIONED** to designate a no parking zone of 60 feet or three car lengths along the south side of Winnacunnet Road, extending west from the Holiday Shores Condominiums driveway. **Mr. Workman SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

**3. Placement of stop sign for traffic entering Great Gate Drive from Juniper Lane.**

**Mr. Workman MOTIONED** to place a stop sign on Juniper Lane for traffic entering Great Gate Drive. **Mr. Moore SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

**4. Designation of a no parking zone on the north side of High Street from the Five Corners intersection from Mace/Little River Roads.**

**Mr. Lally MOTIONED** to designate a no parking zone on the north side of High Street from the Five Corners intersection from Mace/Little River Roads west from the intersection to the first driveway. **Mr. Workman SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

5. Designation of a no parking zone on the easterly side of Route 1 adjacent to the hardware store between the corner and the crosswalk.

Representatives from NH Department of Transportation (DOT) and the owner of the hardware store were absent. For that reason the hearing for the above item was postponed until comments are received by both parties.

**6. Establishment of a combination 15 minute parking and loading zone in front of the Royal Market property at 94 Ashworth Avenue.**

Mr. Gearreald explained that the proposed combination for a 15 minute parking and loading zone on the westerly side of Ashworth Avenue adjacent to the Royal Market property is part of the resolution of a recent litigation. The proposal includes 6 spaces, 20 feet each with a 20 foot no parking zone from the corner of Hobson Avenue.

**Mr. Lally MOTIONED** to establish a combination 15 minute parking and loading zone in front of the Royal Market property at 94 Ashworth Avenue. **Mr. Workman SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

**Chairman Virginia Bridle-Russell called the meeting to order at 7:10PM.**

**I. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Mr. Workman announced the Hampton Parks and Recreation Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Gazebo on Friday, December 1 at 6:30PM and the Christmas Parade on December 2 starting at 1:20PM.

Mr. Moore said that the Great Bay Coastal Training program is offering a free screening of the movie *Inconvenient Truth* on December 5, 7 and 13. The screenings are available to anyone who serves on a municipal board, conservation related profession, academia, or a business leader. Those interested may call 778-0015 (ext. 3015).

Chairman Bridle-Russell commented on an article published in the Hampton Union on November 24, 2006 that incorrectly quoted her to say that 10 years ago during the Town Manager search the former Board of Selectmen involved staff. This inaccurate statement created much discussion from the former Board and community. The reporter is planning on retracting the statement in the next edition. Chairman Bridle-Russell clearly explained that it was the current Board who decided to involve department heads in the current Town Manager search.

**II. APPOINTMENTS**

None

### **III. MINUTES – NOVEMBER 20, 2006**

Page 3 – Under “Other Old Business” – Last sentence amended as follows: “Anyone interested may send their resume by December 5, 2006 to the Local Government Center and not to the Town Manager’s office.

Page 5 – Under #5 – Motion to be amended as follows: “....on behalf of the Town of Hampton in negotiating for and accept C-496 State Aid payments....”

Page 6 – Under #7 – Motion to be amended as follows: “Mr. Griffin Motioned under RSA 91-A:3, II, (a) to have a nonpublic....”

### **III. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **1. INTERIM TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT**

The Public Works Department budget was presented on Tuesday, November 21 to the Hampton Budget Committee by John Hangen, Doug Mellin, and Theresa McGinnis. The group was applauded for a minimal 2.55% overall increase to the Department's budget.

Installation of the new scale will be accompanied by a change in payment method (scanner) at the transfer station before the end of December. Mr. Hangen explained that commercial customers will be issued an identification card that will be used to record their activity and charges electronically for later billing by the Finance Department. Residential customers will be transitioned away from cash to checks or credit cards only thereby eliminating the handling and accounting for cash.

Mr. Hangen explained to the Budget Committee that when funds need to be reallocated due to a default budget or unforeseen needs arises, the Public Works Department is one of the first places visited for funds. The easiest place to reallocate goodly amounts of money is from the road reconstruction line item. To assure that monies are allocated and used for road reconstruction, the Warrant Article route has been used for the past several years. The 2006 Warrant Article monies have been almost completely expended.

The idea of whether business establishments should have their trash picked up on a more frequent (current) schedule or be changed to the once per week schedule of home owners was also discussed at the Budget Committee. Statistics offered: 10,000 tons of trash / yr, \$35 / ton for pickup plus \$75 / ton for disposal, approx. 20% of waste is generated by commercial business equals \$220,000 per year for the service. This is a policy issue that falls in the Board of Selectmen’s area of responsibility.

The need to have the low area at the Island Path Parking Lot repaired was discussed. It was originally budgeted for in Parks & Recreation, but was removed as a possible Warrant Article. With the number of Warrant Articles being minimized, the funding is in question. Mr. Hangen mentioned that currently, 2006’s overall spending is below budget and so there may be sufficient funds to complete the work this year prior to the tar plants shutting down for the winter.

Finance Director, Mike Schwotzer, presented his analysis of the financial impact of replacing the Police Building bond and changing the payback period from the current (remaining) five years to twenty-five to the Budget Committee. The result would be a lowering of the debt cost for the first five years but adding for the last twenty. There are several theories that support a long bond term on a long lived asset: 1) the cost of the asset should match its life so that the residents living in the town at any time pays the associated cost. If the building was paid for in ten years, residents in the years eleven through thirty enjoy the asset without any cost. 2) Time value of money says that a dollar today is more valuable than one several years in the future so the longer term loans

are repaid with cheaper dollars. The Committee made a recommendation to the Selectmen to consider changing the Police Building bond structure to a minimum of fifteen additional years.

On December 2, the Old Fashioned Christmas Parade will begin in North Hampton at 1:30PM. The Parade will travel along Lafayette Road and will pass by the reviewing stand at Marrelli Square and end at Winnacunnet Road. Scores of bands and marching groups including several scout chapters will be parading in front of Santa Claus. Snow date has been scheduled for December 9.

Mr. Gearreald reminded citizens that the Tree Lighting Ceremony is this Friday evening and many of the businesses will be open during this time. In addition to the Ceremony, horse drawn hayrides will be available through town.

The Third Annual Holiday Light Spectacular contest will be provided by the Recreation Department. Judging will be on December 19 with a snow date of the 20.

Mr. Gearreald also requested direction from the Board for the annual audit this January.

### **BOARD'S RESPONSE TO THE MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mrs. Bridle-Russell asked that proper lighting is on the hayride for everyone's safety.

Mr. Moore asked if there will be additional FEMA funds received for the expenses incurred by the Mother's Day rainstorm last spring. Mr. Gearreald noted that the funds have been applied for.

## **2. 2007 WARRANT – FURTHER DISCUSSIONS**

No discussion under this item.

## **3. PAVING OF ISLAND PATH PARKING LOT PROPOSAL**

Finance Director Schwotzer presented the paving proposal to the Board. Contractors Bell & Flynn have submitted a bid to repair the dip in the parking lot for a total of \$68,000. It is believed that there is approximately \$500,000 currently available. Mr. Schwotzer recommended that the project proceed before the end of the year.

Mr. Lally expressed his support for the project as he would like to see a minimal amount of warrant articles on the ballot this year. In addition he discussed his concern regarding the number of lost parking spots (approximately 40 spaces) and revenue in this lot as a result of rain water pooling in the damaged area. He noted that the lot pays for itself and it is a worthy project to consider before the end of this year.

Mr. Moore is in favor of proceeding with the parking lot repairs and would like to see a minimal number of encumbered purchase orders before the end of the fiscal year.

Mr. Workman would like to see the work completed before the end of the year.

**Mr. Lally MOTIONED** to proceed with repairing the Island Path parking lot by contracting Bell & Flynn to do the work for a total of \$68,000 and to waive the bidding process. **Mr. Workman SECONDED.**

**Discussion:**

The proposed article regarding this on the 2007draft warrant will be removed.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

The Budget Committee will be having their final review meeting on December 5.

The Board more discussed the social service funding requests and decided to sponsor individual Health and Human Service Agencies for all of those who received funding from Hampton last year. A letter requesting the same dollar figure will be required. For agencies that did not submit a warrant article or did not receive funding last year or wish to seek a different dollar figure will be required to submit a petitioned warrant article.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. AUTHORITY TO FILE APPLICATION**

**Mr. Workman MOTIONED** to authorize Mr. Gearreald to file an application for a loan from the State Revolving Fund to be made in accordance with New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Chapter Env-C 500 to finance the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements. **Mr. Moore SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

**2. SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR ROCKINGHAM COUNTY INCENTIVE FUNDS PAYMENT**

**Mr. Lally MOTIONED** to schedule a public hearing on December 11<sup>th</sup> to receive payment of \$12,000 from the Rockingham County Incentive Funds Payment. **Mr. Moore SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

There was discussion on whether or not payment for the Christmas Parade (as approved by the voters) had been made to the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Schwotzer believes that it has been sent but will confirm.

It was the consensus of the Selectmen to have Plodzik & Sanderson do the annual report. Since Mr. Schwotzer is quite new to his position he believes that their experience would be a savings from for the Town. The preliminary work will be done in December, continuing on into January.

Mr. Moore pointed out that Christmas and New Years day are on consecutive Mondays. It was determined that if required, a meeting could be scheduled for Wednesday, December 27 or on Thursday, December 28.

Mr. Lally mentioned that the Public Works Director presented proposed revenue options for trash collection. He requested that Mr. Hangen come before the Selectmen to discuss the pros and cons of his ideas.

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

None

**VII. - PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**VIII. - CLOSING COMMENTS:**

Chairman Bridle-Russell requested that Winnacunnet High School students come early to the meeting so that required forms may be signed prior to the meeting rather than delaying the start of the meeting.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Lally MOTIONED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. **Mr. Moore SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

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Chairman